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Applicant(s): Yasuaki NATORI

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For : LASER SCANNING MICROSCOPE

Art Unit : 2878

Examiner : Faye S. Polyzos

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2006, the term for response to which expires on May 6, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-5, 9, 17 and 18 are canceled; claims 6-8 and 12 are amended; claims 10, 13-16 and 19 are maintained; and claims 20 and 21 are added.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Nalini P. Sahadeo

Dated: May 4, 2006

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